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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 16 Percent From Last Year

On May 1, 2009, Arizona had 311,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 59,000 head from a year ago and down 19,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 21,000 head during April, 13,000 head less than a year ago. During April, 38,000 head were marketed, an increase of 1,000 head from last year.

On May 1, 2009, California had 450,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 70,000 head from last year but up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 68,000 head during April, 4,000 head more than last year. During April, 61,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 9,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on May 1, 2009. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2008.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.60 million, 4 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.53 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 315,000, 700-799 pounds were 405,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 525,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.87 million, 7 percent below 2008.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during April, 8 percent below 2008. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

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